

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.(Currently Amended) A ~~material~~ knitted fabric ~~having superior color-fast properties comprising consisting essentially of~~ a first component with substantial stretch properties and a second component with substantially lower stretch properties than those of the first component wherein the ~~material is a fabric manufactured by knitting, weaving, non-woven or other fabric manufacturing process and the~~ components are dyed prior to fabric formation for providing a ~~material~~ knitted fabric having a ~~color-fastness and~~ color-uniformity in both stretched and relaxed states.

2.(Currently Amended) The ~~material~~ knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the components is solution dyed.

3.(Currently Amended) The ~~material~~ knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein both of the components are solution dyed.

4.(Currently Amended) The ~~material~~ knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the ~~material~~ fabric is a warp-knitted fabric.

5.(Currently Amended) The ~~material~~ knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the ~~material~~ fabric is a weft-knitted fabric.

6.(Currently Amended) The ~~material~~ knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the components are dyed separately.

7.(Currently Amended) The ~~material~~ knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the second component is synthetic.

8.(Currently Amended) The ~~material~~ knitted fabric according to claim 7, wherein the second component is polyester.

9.(Currently Amended) The ~~material~~ knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the components comprise solution dyed thermal heat settable synthetic continuous filament yarns selected from a group consisting of Polyamide (Nylon), Polyester, Olefin (Polypropylene), Spandex, and the like, and combinations thereof.

10.(Currently Amended) The ~~material~~ knitted fabric according to claim 1, wherein the ~~material~~ fabric includes additives to provide performance properties including anti-bacterial, hydrophillic, hydrophobic, resistance to chlorine, quick drying, and combinations thereof.

11.(Currently Amended) A ~~material~~ stretch fabric ~~having superior color-fast properties~~ comprising a first elastomeric component and a second substantially non-elastomeric component wherein the ~~material~~ stretch fabric is a fabric formed by interconnecting the first and second components; and wherein the second component is solution-dyed prior to fabric formation thereby providing a ~~material~~ stretch fabric ~~having a color-fastness and~~ color-uniformity in both stretched and relaxed states.

12.(Currently Amended) The ~~material~~ stretch fabric according to claim 11, wherein the first elastomeric stretch component is solution-dyed.

13.(Currently Amended) The ~~material~~ stretch fabric according to claim 11, wherein the components comprise solution dyed thermal heat settable synthetic continuous filament yarns selected from a group consisting of Polyamide (Nylon), Polyester, Olefin (Polypropylene), Spandex, and the like, and combinations thereof.

14.(Currently Amended) A method of making ~~the color fast material~~ a stretch fabric comprising the steps of:

providing a first yarn component and a second yarn component for inclusion in a fabric;
~~treating~~ dyeing the yarn components separately, ~~such as by dyeing at least one of the~~
~~components; and~~

fabricating a ~~material~~ stretch fabric from the yarn components, ~~wherein the material has superior color fast properties,~~ the first component having substantial stretch properties and the second component having substantially lower stretch properties than those of the first component, thereby providing a ~~material~~ stretch fabric having ~~a color fastness and~~ color-uniformity in both stretched and relaxed states.

15.(Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein the step of fabricating ~~a material~~ the fabric includes manufacturing by knitting, weaving, non-woven or other fabric manufacturing process.

16.(Original) The method according to claim 14, further including the steps of scouring the fabric and/or treating the fabric.

17.(Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the step of treating the fabric includes applying a finish for enhanced fabric performance.

18.(Original) The method according to claim 17, wherein the finish includes anti-microbial, stain resistant, water resistant, water repellant, wicking agents and/or treatments, and combinations thereof.

19.(Original) The method according to claim 14, further including the steps of fabric processing including garment manufacturing or any steps in preparation therefor.